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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was appalled to recently learn that the settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft is being even further delayed. After three years of negotiations, it seems ridiculous to not support the terms of this well thought out agreement. At this point in time, the negotiations have been so well monitored that it is foolish to place them under any further scrutiny.

Microsoft has agreed to rework marketing and licensing terms as well as to redesign versions of Windows that will better accommodate non-Microsoft software. All of this will be accomplished while being overseen by a committee to make sure that they follow proper procedure. The concessions that Microsoft has made are truly in the interest of the IT sector and in the interest of our economy. As we sit idly by and wait for the settlement to take hold, we are slipping in this highly competitive global market.

We need to support our economy by helping to support our technology industry. By reopening the litigation process, we slow down our advancement in the industry and subsequently, affect our economy. It is odd that our recession and the Microsoft litigation seem to be tied so closely together. Maybe our major companies feel that they too will be blackmailed for being successful. This case is a waste of tax dollars, it seems that the major thing that Microsoft did was not contribute enough to the major parties. Since the litigation the prices of all software has risen and the consumer has been lost in the paperwork.

Sincerely,
Jean Kupferer